

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 57th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN ROGER SOMERVILLE**, on January 11, 2001
at 2:00 P.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Roger Somerville, Chairman (R)
Rep. Larry Jent, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Tom Dell (D)
Rep. Bob Lawson (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Dave Bohyer, Legislative Branch
Donna Huffman, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Chairman Roger Somerville opens by saying there were eight members on the Ethics committee in the past session and it was pointed out to the speaker the MCA requires two from each political party. The speaker then eliminated four members from the Ethics Committee to comply with the MCA.

Dave Boyer went over the rules and procedures of the Ethic's Committee. **EXHIBIT(eth08a01)**

Discussion on House Ethics Committee: Rules of Procedure
Rules include Complaint, Consideration of complaint-preliminary investigation, Formal Complaint Process, Committee of the Whole.

After discussion, Chairman Somerville said if the committee receives a few complaints, the committee will have a periodic meeting and go through some of the issues of the complaints. Then have a formal write up on the recommendations of the committee to establish a history of the issues and procedures.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:00 P.M.

REP. ROGER SOMERVILLE, Chairman

DONNA HUFFMAN, Secretary

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